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See below. We will be in touch with a recommended approach.

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Best Regards,

Dave

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Thoughts on how best to handle this inquiry? Would a quick call be best?

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Hi everyone,

Hope you are well.

It's Ariel Wittenberg and Ev Crunden at E&E News. We wanted to do a follow story on the PFAS found in barrels containing the insecticide Anvil 10+10. I believe the last update we had in mid-January was that EPA had subpoenaed more information from both the pesticide company and barrel manufacturers, and that EPA was coordinating with other agencies about this.

We would love to speak with a subject matter expert about this sometime between now and Wednesday.

Our questions include:

- Who manufactures the barrels in question?
- What can you tell us about the levels of PFAS EPA found in the barrels?
- Is this issue limited to pesticides used in Southeastern Massachusetts, or is EPA worried about other products or other geographies where this may be the case?
- What can you tell us about what other products might be contained in these barrels?
  - o Based on EPA's coordination with USDA and FDA, can you tell us if there are any food products you are concerned about and which ones?

Thanks so much,

Ariel & Ev

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